

## FROM WASHINGTON.

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WASHINGTON, Tuesday, July 8, 1862.

A NEW MILITIA BILL.

Senator Wilson introduced, at the close of the session yesterday, a bill which is virtually a conscription act. It empowers the President to fix the time for the militia to serve when he calls them out, and to organize them like the volunteer forces, that is, draft at his discretion. Senator Grimes offered the following additional sections as an amendment:

That the compensation to the militia shall be an exemption from the military duty under this or any of the laws of the United States an amount of one or more dollars, but whenever the militia shall be called into service, all the additional pay, rations, between the time now fixed by law and the United States shall be called to the expense of the country.

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THE TARIFF BILL.

The Senate to-day passed the Tariff bill, adopting most of its Committee's amendments. The bill will despatch go to a Committee of Conference, and will be ready for the President's signature before the end of the week.

THE ADJOURNMENT.

A strong disposition is manifested on the part of many Members of Congress to adjourn next Monday, and one member of the Chamber has taken it upon himself to hint that Senators and Representatives are wasting time here which should be devoted to raising troops. Several have already gone home, and others threaten to do so.

It was in consequence of this general desire to depart that the Finance Committee proposed the amendment to the Tariff bill, adopted by the Senate to-day, which postpones the time at which the Tax Law goes into effect until the 1st of July.

Were the law to remain as it stands, the Senate, as we pointed some days ago, would be obliged to stay here until it had confirmed the nominations of the President for Assessors and Collectors, since vacancies occurring during the session of the Senate cannot be filled after its adjournment.

This ingenious stratagem of the Finance Committee throws the vast patronage created by the tax law into the hands of the President alone, leaving him unopposed until Winter by the necessity of consulting his constitutional advisers.

Those who have observed the manner in which the power granted by the bill authorizing the President to make a safe position in occupying a fort that is invulnerable to the enemy, has proven no protection to the fleet ports of dearth. But one man was killed during the bombardment, which lasted nearly two days, since then twelve had died by disease and accident.

THE SALE OF FORT LEAVENWORTH RESERVATION.

Mr. Washburn's resolution instructing the Committee on Private Land Claims to investigate the sale of 1,400 acres of land comprising the Fort Leavenworth Military Reservation, is based upon official reports of officers in command of the fort to the Secretary of War, by whom they were transmitted to the House, implying that an extensive fraud has been perpetrated on the Government in the premises.

The land was patented about six weeks ago to three Delaware Indians, and then transferred to a railroad company which is a branch of the Pacific Railroad. The Committee is also instructed by the resolution to inquire into the sale of the Fort Snelling reservation.

THE NEW-YORK JUDGEMENT UNDER THE SLAVE-TRADE TREATY.

The Hon. Truman Smith, whose selection we already noted, was nominated as the Judge for New-York under the bill carrying into effect the slave-trade treaty with Great Britain.

SUPPRESSION OF THE HERALD PROPOSED.

Not a few persons here say that the Administration ought to suppress *The Herald* newspaper and incite its editor. They see no good reason for allowing it a privilege to continue its treasonable utterances which does not apply to those small rural prints in the corner of Ohio and Long Island which have lost the strong arm of the government.

THE PROMOTED GENERALS.

In the list of Generals nominated by the President, as both Breve Brigadier-Generals of the army and Major-Generals of Volunteers, published this morning, the name of Gen. Franklin was accidentally omitted.

THE CASE OF SENATOR SIMMONS.

The reference of Senator Wright's resolution for the exclusion of Senator Simmons to the Judiciary Committee, at this stage of the session, is probably equivalent to its rejection.

MOVEMENTS OF MR. LINCOLN.

Mr. Lincoln left the Soldier's Retreat this morning for New-York city, where he will meet his son Robert from Cambridge University, and then probably proceed to West Point to spend a few days.

COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE.

We understand that Gov. Boutwell has accepted the appointment of Commissioner of Internal Revenue under the tax law, tendered him three or four days ago.

THE CONFERENCE ON CONFISCATION.

The Committee on the disapproving votes of the two Houses on Confiscation concurred, on the part of the House, of Messrs. Eliot, Wilson, and Corning.

GEN. ASHBY'S SUCCESSOR.

A late Richmond paper states that Beverly Robinson, the 1st Virginia Cavalry has been appointed Brigadier-General, and takes the late Turner Ashby's command.

A FALSE REPORT.

Complaint is made of the inhuman treatment of Rebel soldiers by our own on the Peninsula. Several Georgians, it is said, were found hung, and many bodies mutilated; but this is known here to be untrue.

NAVAL APPOINTMENT.

Dr. Stuart, of this city, formerly of Brooklyn, N.Y., has been appointed Acting Master and ordered to report to Capt. Wilkes, and will, it is understood, be that gentleman's chief executive officer on the James River.

THE NEW GUNBOATS.

None of the proposals for gunboats for the navy come up to the requirements for draft and swiftness.

TAX COLLECTORS AND ASSESSORS.

Tax collectors and assessors will be selected in the mode usually adopted in the Treasury Department. All applications are received and filed, together with all letters in support of proposed appointments, whether from Members of Congress or other citizens. The names of all applicants, with abstracts of the letters, and information relating to each, are submitted to the President, together with the judgment of the Secretary of the Treasury as to the proper persons to be selected, with these papers before him. The President forms his own opinions and makes his own appointments.

MOVES OF GEN. McDOWELL'S CORPS.

The *Star* says, on Monday last, a division of Gen-

McDowell's corps took up their line of march for Warrenton, Va., which point they now hold. We presume this movement is preparatory to a prompt and proper concentration of Gen. Pope's army.

SUBMARINE BATTERY.

Yesterday afternoon, a submarine battery was towed by the Navy-Yard by a tug from Philadelphia. As it lies in the water, it resembles a sturgeon, and is about 50 feet long and 6 in diameter.

THE ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS.

It is the current belief that Congress will adjourn sine die by next Monday, the business before it being already reduced to only a few prominent measures, and other matters to be disposed of without much controversy. The Committee of Ways and Means will have disposed of all the bills originating therein by the reporting of the remaining one, making additional appropriations, small in amount, for certain civil expenses.

The Tariff bill, with the Senate amendments, will be returned to the House to-morrow. The Conference bill is pending in the Joint Committee of Conference. The Soldiers' Pension, and the Naval Appropriation bills are yet to be definitely acted upon. Unless more important questions intervene, the session can conveniently be closed by the time indicated.

FROM FORT PLEASANT.

Appearance of a Rebel Fleet on the Savannah—Rebels on Jones Island—The Death of Col. Perry—The Fort Repaired—Gen. Hunter's Order—Anarchy of Rebels under a Flag of Truce.

Correspondence of The N. Y. Tribune.

Four PEACE, Ga., June 20, 1862.

All things are quiet here, with the exception of a slight stir in the fort occasioned by the appearance of three Rebel steamers in the Savannah, above Wright River, on yesterday morning. A few shots were fired from the fort, which kept them at a respectful distance. As it was supposed that a landing of troops had been made on Jones Island, where we had a battery of six pieces—all of which were removed after the taking of Pulaski—a party was sent up in the afternoon on a reconnaissance. Our men discovered quite a number on the other side of the island, near Hill River. They had been to the battery, and expected their vengeance in destroying a remains building, erected for officers' headquarters, and cutting down the lookout. What else they intend to do remains for conjecture.

Adams rejoined, with the contention that the claim for the restoration of the ship rested on the soundness of the law of law and equity. America expected a different decision, and will be made wise by the result, and will take precautions in the future to better protect itself.

Russell endeavored to convince Mr. Adams that the English Government had no power in the matter, but the latter closed by saying the engagements had not materially changed the nature of the name, and he had sent the correspondence to Washington.

The *New-York Post* accordingly contends that the masterly Confederate movements in Virginia have compelled immense armies destined for its conquest to cease the offensive, and content themselves with action on the defensive.The City Article of The *Daily News* reveals the latest news as pertaining the almost indefinite posse.

In the House of Lords, Brougham deplored the continuance of the civil strife and its consequences to Europe. He thought it impossible for England to interfere, but expressed the opinion that the Americans would see the evilful character of the struggle and come to amicable arrangements before they entirely lost the respect of Europe as a nation.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Hopperhead asked if the Government intended to take steps as a mediator.

Brougham expressed deep sympathy with the suffering operatives, and endorsed their endurance. He believed it was in the power of the Government to take steps for their relief, but interference in America now could only aggravate matters.

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